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### Neighborhood Cluster





Cluster 37 is made up of the neighborhoods of Barry Farm, Fort Stanton, and Hillsdale, The Cluster is bounded on the north by Morris Road, Erie Street, and Howard Road; on the east by 18th Place; on the south by Saint Elizabeth's Hospital and Suitland Parkway; and on the west by Interstate 295 and Firth Sterling.

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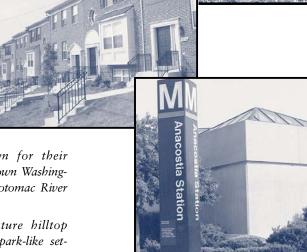
#### **Physica Characteristics and Assets**

Although Ward 8 is commonly referred to as "East of the River" because it is bounded on the east by the Anacostia River, Ward 8 also has the distinction of being situated between two rivers: the Anacostia on the east, and the Potomac on the west.

Beginning in 1852 with the construction of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, institutional and industrial governmental uses began to occupy the majority of the land in Ward 8. Significant residential and commercial development did not begin in Ward8 until the early 1940s. Between 1940 and 1950, Ward 8 experienced significant growth as a result of the expansion of the Federal work force and the onset of World War II. Today, approximately 60 percent of the land in the Cluster is zoned for residential uses, 2 percent for commercial, and 28 percent for Federal uses. The majority of Cluster 37 neighborhoods are made up of single-family detached and semi-detached housing with a mixture of multifamily apartment complexes. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Good Hope Road SE are the key commercial corridors that serve this Cluster.

### Some highlights of Cluster 37's assets and features include the following:

- Neighborhoods that offer sound housing stock and a changing real estate market.
- Hillside locations known for their panoramic views of downtown Washington to the west and the Potomac River and Virginia to the east.
- Neighborhoods that feature hilltop wooded slopes and open park-like settings, which offer an urban community with a suburban flavor.
- Neighborhoods with narrow, winding streets caused by the hilly topography.
- The newly constructed Anacostia Neighborhood Museum.
- Close proximity to historic Anacostia and the historic landmark, the Frederick Douglass House.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade.
- Congress Heights Day held every May.
- The UNIFEST Street Festival held annually in June in historic Anacostia.
- An annual boat ride on the Anacostia River sponsored by the Anacostia Coordinating Council in September.



#### **Recent Neighborhood Activity**

- Hillsdale Heights Townhouses are currently under construction by East of the River Community Development Corporation. The project will have 56 townhomes to be built in three phases. East of the River CDC will begin construction on 77 units called Washington View Condominiums.
- Anacostia Gateway is a proposed site for a new government center at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE and Good Hope Road SE.
- The Smithsonian Institution recently completed construction of a new Anacostia Neighborhood Museum.

